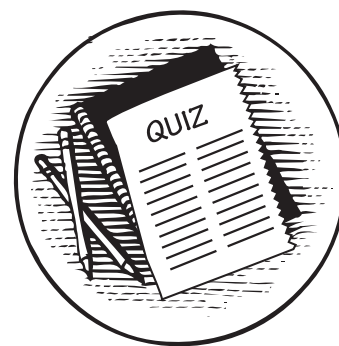




Test Your “Environmental IQ”

*See how you compare with participants in national surveys.**

Quiz Sample Questions:



1. *Household Waste:* What household material is considered hazardous waste?
 - a) plastic packaging
 - b) glass
 - c) batteries
 - d) spoiled food
 - e) don't know

2. *Water Pollution:* What is the most common cause of pollution in streams, rivers, and oceans?
 - a) chemical discharges from factories
 - b) surface water runoff from yards, city streets, and farm fields
 - c) midnight dumping of chemicals
 - d) used motor oil dumped in storm drains
 - e) don't know

3. *Electricity:* How is most electricity in the U.S. generated?
 - a) hydroelectric power
 - b) solar power
 - c) nuclear power
 - d) burning coal, oil, and wood
 - e) don't know

* This quiz is adapted from surveys conducted by the National Environmental Education and Training Foundation (NEETF) and Roper Starch Worldwide (November 1997 and December 1999). Please note that the questions have been paraphrased from those used in the surveys. For more information, contact NEETF by telephone at 202-833-2933 or visit their World Wide Web site at <<http://www.neetf.org>>.

4. *Ozone:* What does ozone in the Earth's upper atmosphere protect us from?
 - a) cosmic rays
 - b) cancer-causing sunlight
 - c) meteorites
 - d) acid rain
 - e) don't know

5. *Air Pollution:* What is the largest source of carbon monoxide in the U.S.?
 - a) factories
 - b) motor vehicles
 - c) trees
 - d) landfills
 - e) don't know

6. *Plant and Animal Species:* What is the most common reason that plant and animal species become extinct?
 - a) water pollution
 - b) hunting
 - c) ozone depletion
 - d) loss of habitat
 - e) don't know

Compare your knowledge with survey participants:



<i>Environmental Knowledge Question</i>	<i>Percentage Who Answered Question Correctly*</i>
Knowledge about materials considered hazardous waste	67%
Most common source of water pollution	24%
How most electricity in the U.S. is generated	28%
Protection provided by ozone in upper atmosphere	57%
Largest source of the air pollutant, carbon monoxide, in the U.S.	69%
Most common reason for extinction of plant and animal species	70%

* Percentages rounded to the nearest whole number.

Answers to the quiz:
 1) c--batteries, 2) b--surface water runoff from yards, city streets, and farm fields, 3) d--burning coal, oil, and wood, 4) d--cancer-causing sunlight, 5) b--motor vehicles, and 6) d--loss of habitat.